

Police arrest son for 'stabbing' mum to death

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•The late Mrs Oluyide house after the incident

A son has allegedly stabbed his mother to death in her home at Abule Egba, Lagos.

Residents of 3, Bunmi Christopher Close off Arowolo Street, Abule Egba, said they could not save the woman because the boy locked her in the room before the alleged dastardly act.

Police spokesperson Dolapo Badmos, a Superintendent of Police (SP), said the boy, a barber whose name was given as Ibrahim, was arrested last Friday.

Ibrahim had reportedly run away after his mother Mrs Oluyide was confirmed dead.

The Nation learnt that Ibrahim, who lives in Ikeja, was on a visit to his mother that fateful day.

A resident said they were surprised by the visit because he hardly comes to see mama as the woman was fondly called.

"When he entered the room he increased the volume of the radio and television, so we could not hear what was going on. After some minutes of talking, he picked a club and hit mama with it severally; when he noticed that mama didn't die, he stabbed her with a knife. He came out and yelled *Oti ku Oti Ku*, then I looked at him, he was gory, I immediately raised the alarm, before we could lay hands on him, he fled.

"We could not sleep since this incident happened, I don't know what led him to do it, he probably could have gone somewhere and he was told his mother was a witch, but even at that it is not reason enough to take the life of the

woman who brought you into this world. I pray the police catch him and let him pay for his sins,” he said.

Another resident said he was in the bathroom when he heard the old woman shout for help that her son wanted to kill her.

He said he rushed out to find her door locked from inside, adding that he knocked and asked Ibrahim to open the door but the lad refused.

“As I peeped through the window to see what was going on in the room, I saw blood stains on Ibrahim’s hand. When he opened the door, he ran through the backyard and escaped. Other tenants who went inside the room saw the lifeless body of the woman. He had stabbed her on the neck severally,” he said.

An elder in the neighbourhood said: “This is Nigeria, I am sure with the influence of mama’s son, he will get away, even if the case is recorded or taken to court, he will still get away. The corruption level will not allow justice to take its course. So even if he is apprehended, the outcome is predictable”.

It was learnt that the other children have taken some of their mother’s properties from the house.

The suspect, SP Badmos said, had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) at Panti, Yaba, Lagos Mainland.